

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2016

10:00 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Michael A. Alvarez, Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Commissioner Timothy Bradford, Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Kari K. Steele, Commissioner David J. Walsh, President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.**
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.**

Call Meeting to Order

President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez; Frank Avila; Timothy Bradford; Barbara J. McGowan; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Kari K. Steele; David J. Walsh; and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:25 a.m. President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee

Report

- 1 [16-0064](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of December 2015, in the amount of \$40,573,716.06

Attachments: [16-0064 December 2015 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

- 2 [16-0084](#) Report on Request for Proposal 15-RFP-21 Professional Underwriting Services for District Bond Sales

Attachments: [Eligible Underwriters 2016.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 3 [16-0080](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$238,300,000.00 from the Corporate Working Cash Fund to Finance Corporate Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2016, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9b

Approved

- 4 [16-0081](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$16,800,000.00 from the Construction Working Cash Fund to Finance Construction Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2016, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9c

Approved

- 5 [16-0082](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$32,500,000.00 from the Stormwater Management Working Cash Fund to Finance Stormwater Management Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2016, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9e

Approved

- 6 [16-0083](#) Authority to Transfer \$5,000,000.00 from the Corporate Fund to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retiree Health Care Trust (101-25000-601250)

Approved

Procurement Committee

Report

- 7 [16-0065](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Published and Filed

- 8 [16-0072](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 9 [16-0061](#) Authorization for payment to the U.S. Water Alliance for the 2016 annual membership dues, the 2016 Value of Water Coalition membership dues, and the Environmental Utility Project Sponsorship in the amount of \$52,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 10 [16-0060](#) Authority to advertise Contract 11-052-3F, Streambank Stabilization Project for the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River, estimated cost \$572,158.00, Account 401-50000-645720, Requisition 1409350

Attachments: [11-052-3F Project Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 11 [16-0062](#) Issue purchase orders to MTI Distributing, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Landscape Maintenance Equipment under the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract No. 4017552, in an amount not to exceed \$271,745.68, Accounts 101, 201-50000, 69000-623680, 634990, Requisitions 1406707 and 1414642 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Landscape Equipment.pdf](#)

Deleted by the Executive Director

- 12 [16-0071](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 16-RFP-01, Perform Federal Legislative Consulting Services, with O'Connell & Dempsey, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$417,600.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisition 1405536 (*Deferred from Board Meeting of January 7, 2016*) "ADOPTED AS AMENDED, REFER TO FILE ID#16-0071A"

David J. Walsh made a motion amend File No. 16-0071, Agenda Item No. 12 as follows: Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 16-RFP-01, Perform Federal Legislative consulting Services, with O'Connell & Dempsey, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$382,800, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisition 1405536 and further move to amend the agreement commencement date to February 1, 2016. Motion Carried 7:2

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Kari K. Steele, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Nay: 2 - Timothy Bradford, Debra Shore

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 13 [16-0058](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Melching Water Solutions LLC, for professional services to Evaluate Lake Michigan Discretionary Allocation Reduction, in an amount of \$5,000.00, from an amount of \$108,114.00, to an amount not to exceed \$113,114.00, Account 201-50000-612430, Purchase Orders 3077016 and 3084850

Attachments: [01-21-16 CO Log Melching Water.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 14 [16-0063](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of December 2015

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report December 2015 \\$10000.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 CO Report December 5% Contingency.pdf](#)
[Attachment 3 CO Status.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 15 [16-0076](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Michael Mitchell vs. MWRDGC, Case 13 WC 17602, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$38,299.56, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 16 [16-0077](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Ronald Esposito vs. MWRDGC, Claim W001061646, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$19,845.65, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 17 [16-0078](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Andre Dannard vs. MWRDGC, Case 13 WC 34450, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$18,041.50, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 18 [16-0055](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of December 2015

Attachments: [R-98 Report December 2015.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

Report

- 19 [16-0057](#) 2015 Annual Report of the Civil Service Board

Attachments: [MWRDGC Annual Report 2015 v 3-signed.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee**Authorization**

- 20 [16-0069](#) Authority to grant a 25-year, 1,658' x 10' non-exclusive easement to Sigecom, LLC to construct, install, operate, maintain, repair and remove an aerial and underground fiber optic cable on portions of District Main Channel Parcels 29.02 and 29.04 in Willow Springs, Illinois. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$5,000.00

Attachments: [Aerial Map.Parcels 29.02 and 29.04.pdf](#)

Approved

- 21 [16-0070](#) Consent to BP Products North America, Inc.'s assignment of its two leases to Kinder Morgan Operating LP "D" totaling 33.07 acres of District real estate located at 4811 South Harlem Avenue in Forest View, Illinois, and known as Main Channel Parcels 37.01 and 37.02 and Kinder Morgan Operating LP "D"'s subsequent assignment of the two leases to KM Phoenix Holdings LLC. Consideration shall be the District's standard document preparation fee of \$5,000.00 for each consent to assignment

Attachments: [Aerial Map-Parcels 37.01 and 37.02.pdf](#)

Approved

- 22 [16-0079](#) Authority to enter into a 39-year lease with the Chicago Transit Authority on approximately 3.26 acres of District real estate located north of the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant and east and west of McCormick Boulevard in Skokie, Illinois; North Shore Channel Parcels 6.13 and 6.14 to operate a rapid transit railroad line. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$101,624.90 plus a one-time retroactive fee of \$47,083.88

Attachments: [Aerial Map.Parcels 6.13 and 6.14 1.21.16.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee**Authorization**

- 23 [16-0067](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Cook County Land Bank Authority for the acquisition of flood-prone properties in unincorporated Riverside Lawn, with payment to the Cook County Land Bank Authority in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.00, Account 401-50000-612400, Requisition 1417330

Approved

- 24 [16-0068](#) Authority to enter into an agreement with the Wheeling Park District for the completion of landscaping items in connection with Contract 09-365-5F, Heritage Park Flood Control Facility, with payment to the Wheeling Park District in an amount of \$182,092.89 for project close-out, Account 501-50000-645620

Approved

Miscellaneous and New Business

Motion

- 25 [16-0053](#) MOTION to approve funds for District-wide celebrations

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

- 26 [16-0059](#) MOTION to re-appoint Mariyana T. Spyropoulos as trustee of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's Retirement Fund

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by David J. Walsh, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Resolution

- 27 [16-0073](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Christian William Koules for his achievement in earning the rank of Eagle Scout

Adopted

- 28 [16-0074](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Federation of Indian Associations' Gala Dinner Banquet Celebration of India's 67th Republic Day

Adopted

- 29 [16-0075](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Ordinance

- 30 [R16-001](#) Adopt Ordinance No. R16-001 Establishing the Right-of-Way for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Lyons Levee Flood Control Project in the Village of Forest View (Contract 13-199-5F) in parts of Sections 1 & 12, Township 38 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [1.2.16 ROW Ordinance R16-001.pdf](#)
[1.21.16 TL ROW Ordinance R16-001.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Kari K. Steele, that this Right of Way Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Additional Agenda Items

- 31 [16-0086](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Seventh Grade Class at Frank W. Reilly Elementary School for participating in the Chicago Regional Future City Competition

Adopted

- 32 [16-0088](#) MOTION to appoint Mazie A. Harris as a Member of the Civil Service Board of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Kari K. Steele, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

- 33 [16-0089](#) Report on rejection of proposals for 15-RFP-25, Environmental Attributes Services Provider

Published and Filed

- 34 [16-0090](#) Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with and make payment to the Village of Glenwood for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of a Levee along Thorn Creek at Arquilla Park, with payment to the Village of Glenwood in an amount not to exceed \$3,870,000.00, Accounts 501-50000-612400 and 401-50000-612400, Requisition 1417329

Attachments: [Arquilla Park Levee.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 11, 12, 25, 26, 29, 30 and 32

A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Kari K. Steele, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Meeting Summary

16-0071A

MOTION to amend File No. 16-0071 (Agenda Item No. 12): Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 16-RFP-01, Perform Federal Legislative Consulting Services, with O'Connell & Dempsey, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$417,600.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisition 1405536 (*Deferred from the Board Meeting of January 7, 2016*)

Refer to Agenda Item #12, File ID #16-0071

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Kari K. Steele, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Nay: 2 - Timothy Bradford, Debra Shore

Speakers

Alderman Dorothy Tillman accepted the resolution honoring the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #29)

George Blakemore, concerned citizen, addressed the Board (Re: Procurement Items #12, 13 and Miscellaneous and New Business Item #29)

Summary of Requests

David St. Pierre

1. Debra Shore requested information on the participation of the program (Re: Procurement Item #33)

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2016, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.

Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: January 22, 2016 Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 27, 2016

Adjournment

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and also move that today's meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

APPROVAL:

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this January 21, 2016, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

January 21, 2016